

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: f_000703

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1700418.002

Medium: Computer Image File Printout

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 22 August 2017

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 22 August 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

This image is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes. The image depicts a sexualised image of a naked boy posed for the camera. The only purpose of the image is to sexually arouse any viewer with a sexual interest in children or younger teenagers. The availability of such an image encourages viewer's to view sexualised images of young boys as normal and acceptable. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as provided in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, the classification is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed objectionable. This is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect children or young persons from exploitation.